

REMARKS

A telephone discussion between Examiner Rose and Dennis Smid (one of the applicant's undersigned attorneys) was held on October 30, 2007. The applicant and Mr. Smid wish to thank the Examiner for her time and consideration for such discussion.

Claims 1-19 have been canceled. Amended claim 20 and new claims 21-23 are in this application.

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11-14, and 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dail et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,570,355). Claims 6, 10, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dail et al. in view of Lumelsky (US 2004/0166812).

As previously indicated, claims 1-19 have been canceled herein. The applicant reserves his right to file a continuation application or applications directed to any or all of the canceled claims.

Claim 20 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As discussed during the October 30 discussion, claim 20 has been rewritten herein in independent form to include limitations of base claim 18 and intervening claim 19. As also discussed during the October 30 discussion, amended claim 20 includes minor changes.

Further and as also discussed during the October 30 discussion, new claims 21-23 have been added herein. As

discussed during the October 30 discussion, such new claims are similar to amended claim 20.

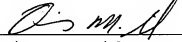
Additionally, during the October 30 discussion, the Examiner indicated that the present Amendment would be entered.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any objections and/or rejections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any charges due in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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